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TITLE OF INVENTION: RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT AND USAGE REPORTING ON A CLIENT DEVICE

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/719,674

Examiner

CARLTON V. JOHNSON

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10-15-2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,8,10-19,34-36,38,39,41,43,45-52,54,56,58-61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Carlton V. Johnson/
Examiner, Art Unit 2436

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kyle Flindt, Registration No. 42,539 on January 11, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims **1, 9, 34, 42, 49** and **57** have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

- obtaining clear form rights information at a client device, said clear form rights information being associated with content stored at said client device;

- generating a validation hash from at least the clear form rights information;

- obtaining, by said client device, an external key comprising an integrity secret, wherein said integrity secret is vulnerable based at least in part on its being known to at least an external server device;

- obtaining a clear form external integrity hash of first data comprising:

- said clear form rights information and

- said external key,

- wherein said clear form external integrity hash is vulnerable based at least in part on said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret;

- obtaining an internal integrity hash of second data comprising:

- said clear form rights information,

said clear form external integrity hash, and
an externally inaccessible client device key, wherein said externally inaccessible client device key is not accessible outside said client device and said internal integrity hash is not vulnerable based on a relative comparison with said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret;
encrypting said internal integrity hash using said externally inaccessible client device key; and
storing the encrypted internal integrity hash on the client device;
decrypting the encrypted internal integrity hash to recover the internal integrity hash; and
comparing the validation hash to the internal integrity hash to detect tampering with the rights information.

9. (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) A client device comprising:

a register operative to store a client device key, said register being externally inaccessible from the client device;

a memory operative to store content and clear form rights information associated with the content, said memory being externally accessible;

hash circuitry operative to:

obtain a clear form external integrity hash of first data comprising the clear form rights information and an external key as an integrity secret; and

obtain an internal integrity hash of second data comprising the clear form rights information, the clear form external integrity hash, and the externally inaccessible client device key; and

generate a validation hash from at least the clear form rights information;

encryption circuitry operative to:

encrypt the internal integrity hash using the client device key; and

decrypt the encrypted hash to recover the internal integrity hash;

said memory being further operative to store the encrypted hash, wherein said integrity secret is vulnerable based at least in part on its being known to at least an external server device, wherein said clear form external integrity hash is vulnerable based at least in part on said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret, and wherein said internal integrity hash is not vulnerable based on a relative comparison with said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret; and

a comparator to compare the validation hash to the internal integrity hash to detect tampering with the clear form rights information.

42. (Canceled).

49. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory machine readable medium having stored thereon machine executable instructions, the execution of which to implement a method comprising:

receiving clear form rights information at a client device, said rights information being associated with content stored on the client device, said client device having a client device key that is externally inaccessible from the client device;

generating a validation hash from at least the clear form rights information;

storing the clear form rights information on the client device;

obtaining an external key comprising an integrity secret, wherein said integrity secret is vulnerable based at least in part on its being known to at least an external server device;

obtaining a clear form external integrity hash of first data comprising the clear form rights information and said external key;

obtaining an internal integrity hash of second data comprising said clear form rights information, said clear form external integrity hash, and an externally inaccessible client device key;

encrypting the internal integrity hash using the externally inaccessible client device key; and

storing the encrypted internal integrity hash on the client device, wherein said

integrity secret is vulnerable based at least in part on its being known to at least an external server device, wherein said clear form external integrity hash is vulnerable based at least in part on said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret, and wherein said internal integrity hash is not vulnerable based on a relative comparison with said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret; and

decrypting the encrypted internal integrity hash to recover the internal integrity hash; and

comparing the validation hash to the internal integrity hash to detect tampering with the clear form rights information.

57. (Canceled).

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Claim **1, 34, 49** are allowed based on the following:

The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to fairly show or suggest: *generating a validation hash from at least the clear form rights information; and obtaining a clear form external integrity hash of first data comprising: said clear form rights information and said external key, and obtaining an internal integrity hash of second data comprising: said clear form rights information, and said clear form external integrity hash, and an externally inaccessible client device key, wherein said externally inaccessible client device key is not accessible outside said client device and said internal integrity hash is not vulnerable based on a relative comparison with said vulnerability of said externally-known integrity secret; and decrypting the encrypted*

internal integrity hash to recover the internal integrity hash; and comparing the validation hash to the internal integrity hash to detect tampering with the rights information, in addition to the other limitations in a manner as recited in claims **1 - 6, 8, 10 - 19, 34 - 36, 38, 39, 41, 43, 45 - 52, 54, 56, 58 - 61**.

Claims **2 - 6, 8 - 19** are allowed due to allowed base claim **1**.

Claims **35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 43, 45 - 48** are allowed due to allowed base claim **34**.

Claim **50 - 52, 54, 56, 58 - 61** are allowed due to allowed base claim **49**.

So as indicated by the above statements, Applicant's arguments have been considered persuasive, in light of the set of claims with limitations as well as the enabling portions of the specification. The dependent claims further limit the independent claims and are considered allowable on the same basis as the independent claims as well as for the further limitations set forth.

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Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlton V. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-270-1032. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday , 8:00 - 5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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